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Salina Human Relations

“ ... with liberty and justice for all.”

THE MISSION OF THE SALINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AND TO ESTABLISH EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SALINA THROUGH CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION.



ENTERTAINMENT at the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration included the Justicia dance group from Topeka (left) and Kusi Taki (above), which played music from the Andes region of South America.

Celebration offers family fun, taste of Hispanic culture



FACE PAINTING was one of many children's activities featured at the Hispanic celebration.

The estimated 1,000 attendees at the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration last month in Oakdale Park were met with entertainment and perfect fall weather that were equally spectacular.

Musical performers Kusi Taki, which shared the sounds of the Andes region of South America, and Trio Aztlan, a band with Mexican roots which plays a variety of Latin styles, were among the crowd favorites.

Performances by Justicia, a folkloric Mexican dance group from Topeka, and Los Primos, a local children's dance group, also were well received.

“This year's celebration offered authen-

To see a slideshow and video clips from this event, visit our website at www.human.salina.org

tic Mexican food and world-class entertainment,” said Dina Girón, a member of Comité Orgullo Hispano, the committee which organized the event. “We believe we offered Salina an exemplary program of music and dance, along with attractions and activities to suit every member of the family.”

The event was created in 2006 as a way to merge entertainment with education and advocacy on issues such as cultural diversity, civil rights and social services.

Time to ROCK the BLOCK

Annual NAACP Block Party provides opportunity for fun, fellowship

To see a slideshow of the block party, visit our website at www.human.salina.org



Calendar of Community Events

- Oct. 1:** First Thursday Art Rush featuring Vans German Ensemble and artist Kathy Shogren, 5-7 p.m., Salina Public Library.
- Oct. 1:** Street painting and Love/Avon Army of Women march against breast cancer in downtown Salina, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5:** Positive Discipline for Preschoolers, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, presented by Vicki Price of CAPS.
- Oct. 6:** Fire prevention demonstration with Ashes the Arson Dog, 10:30 a.m., Salina Public Library.
- Oct. 8:** Free depression screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Central Kansas Mental Health Center, 809 Elmhurst.
- Oct. 10:** Tammy Walker Cancer Center fundraisers (car show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Central Mall; poker tournament, 2 p.m., and pool tournament, 6 p.m., both at Sunset Billiards and Sports Bar.)
- Oct. 10, 20:** American Red Cross CPR & first-aid training course, 145 S. Broadway. For more information, call 827-3644 or visit the American Red Cross web site at www.northcentralkansas.redcross.org.
- Oct. 12, 19, 26:** How to Raise Emotionally Healthy Children, 3-week class on Monday evenings, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, presented by Vicki Price of CAPS.
- Oct. 13:** Salina Human Relations Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., Room 105, City-County Building, public is invited.
- Oct. 13, 20, 27:** Griefbusters, a grief support group for children ages 7-12, 6:30-8 p.m., Hospice of Salina, call 825-1717.
- Oct. 13:** Presentation on meth addiction by Les Sperling of CKF, 11:30 a.m. (free lunch) and 7 p.m. at University United Methodist Church, 1509 S. Santa Fe.
- Oct. 16:** Showing of award-winning film "Innocent Voices" about the plight of those caught up in El Salvador's civil war, 7 p.m. Unitarian Fellowship, 901 Beatrice.
- Oct. 18:** NAACP-Salina monthly meeting, 3 p.m., Salina Art Center, 242 S. Santa Fe, public is invited.
- Oct. 19:** Disability Mentoring Day and Job Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Johnson County Community College. For more information, go to www.dmd-kc.org.
- Oct. 21:** Financial planning workshop for parents of special-needs children, 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Olathe City Hall.
- Oct. 22:** Top 100 undiscovered websites, Tech Lab, 7 p.m., Salina Public Library.
- Oct. 23:** Legislative forum on issues regarding the disabled, 2-3 p.m., Olathe City Hall.
- Oct. 23-24:** State NAACP conference in Leavenworth.
- Oct. 24:** 2009 Job Focus Expo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Central Mall, booth reservations may be made by calling 827-9383 and are due by Oct. 19.
- Oct. 27:** Free fitness and whole-health assessments, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., United Methodist Church, 1509 S. Santa Fe.
- Post events on our online calendar at** www.human.salina.org

Discrimination suit to cost Alabama landlord up to \$134,000

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities on Sept. 22 announced that the defendants in a discrimination suit in Alabama must pay up to \$104,130 to the victims and a fine of \$30,000 to the government.

The lawsuit originated from a charge filed by HUD on behalf of a

woman who tried to rent at a mobile home park in Daphne, Ala., but was told she had too many children (three) to live there. Numerous other tenants were charged extra monthly fees for having children in their mobile homes.

Familial status (number of chil-

dren) is a protected class under the Fair Housing Act along with race, color, religion, gender, disability and national origin.

This story and all the latest civil rights news can be found at the Human Relations website, www.human.salina.org.